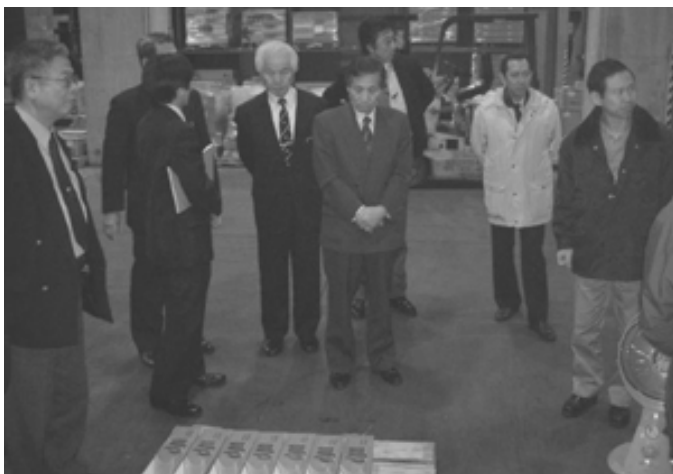


US – Japan Navy Friendship Association Tours DDYJ

Nine members of the US – Japan Navy Friendship Association (JANAF), which promotes friendship between the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF) and the U.S. Navy, toured Defense Distribution Depot Yokosuka, Japan (DDYJ) on January 28, 2003.



JANAF guests included VADM (Ret) Makoto Yamamoto, President, JANAF; RADM (Ret) Motoo Umino, Vice President; VADM (Ret) Takeo Tsukahara, Director General; RADM (Ret) Kanji Kushida, Director; RADM (Ret) Takeshi Tsukuda, RADM (Ret) Yoshiaki Satoh; CAPT (Ret) Giichi Hamada; Mr. Masahiro Soga, Hitachi Senior Executive Adviser, CEO Emeritus.

The tour included a walking and driving tour of the DDYJ facility. The highlight of the tour was clearly the interaction between the citizens of the two countries.

“The best part of my job is getting to share ideas and improve relations with our Japanese allies,” said CDR Scott Thon, SC, USN, Commander DDYJ. “The relationship between the US Navy and our Japanese counterparts is excellent and JANAF is part of the reason.”

